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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Ernest Moore Viquesney

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"LINCOLN as an Indiana Boy"

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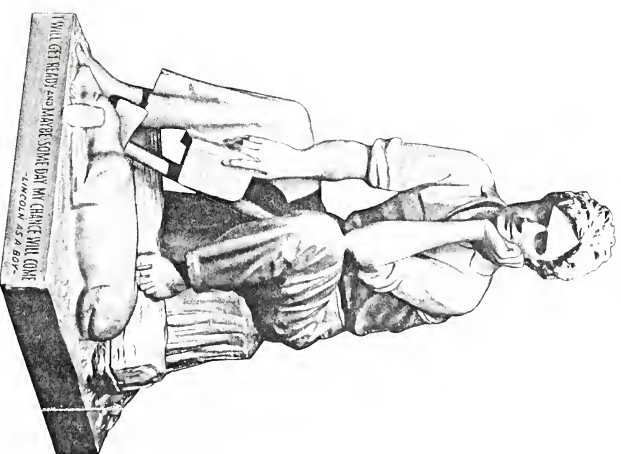
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Brief Sketch of This Statue

After many statues have been modeled of the famous Emancipator, all of them studies of the statesman and President, it falls to a Hoosier Sculptor, E. M. Viquesney of Spencer, Indiana, author of the Nationally known World War Statue "Spirit of the American Doughboy" to give to the Nation a NEW STATUE and study of our famous martyred President, Abraham Lincoln as a Hoosier Boy.

This statue represents the typical Hoosier boy. It idealizes the boyish face and figure of Lincoln who lived the formative period of his life on Hoosier soil, 1816-1830. These years gave to Lincoln, the boy, his first, great grief, his first impressions of life, and the strength of mind and body which fitted him to become the world's greatest statesman and President of the United States.



The sculptor, Mr. Viquesney, born and raised in Owen County, Indiana, modeled his conception of what this Indiana boy was like, what Lincoln must have been when he was 16 to 18 years of age. Mr. Viquesney perpetuates in this figure not only the greatest Indiana boy that ever lived but embodies in this statue the "spirit" of Hoosier boyhood. When the warmth of spring came, he put off shoes, bare feet felt the warm pulsing heart of nature in the budding earth, warm winds rustled through the trees, and boyish inclinations turned to long tramps in the woods; day dreams under a cloud spattered sky and many pictures and castles have been built during these days of youth of Hoosier men in their unfolding period.

Hundreds of people have studied this statue and exclaimed at the pathetic, lonesome, yet Divinely inspired face so strikingly the boyish Lincoln; the far away, dreamy expression of the eyes; the easy pose and inspirational ensemble of the entire group, including the sleeping hound dog at the boy's feet. Many come back, again and again, to study and enthuse over what is pronounced a really "marvelous art work" and a wonderfully artistic conception of what Lincoln must have been while living his formative life in Spencer County, Indiana.

One noted authoress states: "It is the most beautiful, yet saddest figure I have ever seen"—and Lincoln's greatest sadness came to him at this time in the loss of his mother.

INDIANA'S GOVERNOR Writes of This Statue

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS
March 3, 1939
N CLIFFORD TOWNSEND
GOVERNOR



Mr. E. M. Viquesney
Spencer, Indiana
Dear Mr. Viquesney:
I thought you would like to know that persons from all walks of life who visit my office have spoken of your statue of "Lincoln as an Indiana Boy" on my desk.


It has occurred to me that the statue might be an inspiration to the youth of Indiana. It was placed in the schools. The words, "I will get ready and maybe some day my chance will come" which appears on the pedestal of the statue, would be a challenge to every young person to pattern his life after the great Abraham Lincoln.

Your statue has a quality of hope, vision, and determination which was so typical of the youthful Lincoln.

Please let me thank you again for presenting me with the statue.

Very truly yours,
Clifford Townsend
Governor of Indiana

Many other endorsements from Indiana Lincoln Union, Boonville Press Club, Ministers, Attorneys, Authors and the public generally.



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